

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 04 May 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 05 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 04 May 2023 at 03:09 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for dry weather on Thursday then some showers breaking out on Friday and over the weekend.
Lower confidence on day to day detail from Friday onwards.

Headline for Thursday 04 May 2023: Dry. Some sunshine. Feeling cold and quite windy on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 04 May 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Low Likelihood

Poor visibility

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
10%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Thursday 04 May 2023

Weather: It will be a dry day with clouds breaking to give some sunshine. Best of the sun will be over western mountains such as Knoydart, Skye and Torridon. Clouds more stubborn to break up further east.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility beneath the cloud which will be patchy above 700 to 800m in west but more extensive at times further east.

Forecast for Thursday 04 May 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	19/25 SE	29/37 E	33/43 E	30/40 E	33/44 E	37/49 E	34/44 E
900	21/28 SE	29/37 E	33/43 E	31/41 E	35/46 E	37/48 E	34/44 E
600	15/23 SE	19/29 E	24/36 E	23/35 E	25/38 E	28/42 E	25/37 E
300	9/20 E	12/26 E	17/32 E	15/31 E	15/34 E	13/35 E	10/30 E
Glen	15/22 E	15/26 E	19/32 E	20/31 E	20/34 E	21/36 E	19/33 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	4/-1	3/-3	4/-3	4/-3	2/-6	-0/-9	-0/-9
900	5/-0	4/-2	5/-2	5/-2	3/-4	1/-8	0/-8
600	8/4	7/3	8/3	8/3	6/0	4/-2	3/-3
300	8/6	10/8	11/8	11/8	9/5	6/2	4/1
Glen	11/8	13/10	14/10	14/10	12/8	8/4	7/3
Freezing Level*	1800m	1900m	1800m	1700m	1700m	1400m	1400m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note stronger winds and lower temperatures over higher ridges and summits making it feel very cold.

Forecast for Friday 05 May 2023

Weather: Mainly dry morning with some sunshine. Clouds building in the afternoon with scattered showers breaking out.

Maximum wind: Strong southeast winds, average speeds of 30mph with gusts 45mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% in morning reducing 40% in the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility becoming poor as showers come along. Patchy cloud cover above 700m becoming more extensive in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius rising to 15 Celsius.

At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius rising to 7 Celsius.

Freezing level: 1200m at first, lifting above the summits by the afternoon.